

### **Remarks**

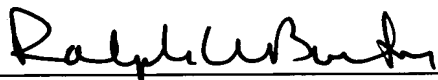
In response to the request for additional claim fees regarding the multiple dependent claim fee, Applicants have, with this Preliminary Amendment, withdrawn the subject claims i.e., Claims 8, 13 and 14, from the application. Therefore, Applicants are not submitting the requested additional claim fees.

Applicants further wish to note that in the Preliminary Amendment filed in this case on April 7, 2004 that the wording of original claim 9 was deleted by strikeout as required by Patent Office Rules but the new wording amending Claim 9 was not underscored. Applicants have in this Second Preliminary Amendment underscored the new wording so that it may become the correct wording for this application and incorporation therein.

It is believed the application is now in condition for examination and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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